

BRENTWOOD BOARD OF SELECTMEN
MINUTES OF 9/22/09 MEETING

Convened: 6:30 p.m.

Present: Jeffrey Bryan
Andrew Artimovich
Jane Byrne
David Menter
George Waldron

The Board met and reviewed payroll, accounts payable, and signed the register.

Jonathan Ellis was in to present the weekly Treasurer's report. Ellis reported that Citizens Bank will provide us with a check scanner free of charge until approval of the budget in March. We will need to budget for our own for approximately \$1,100 in the 2010 budget.

The Selectmen reviewed the minutes of the 9/15/09 meeting. Byrne made a motion, seconded by Artimovich, to approve the minutes as written. Bryan, Artimovich, Byrne and Menter voted in favor; Waldron abstained.

The Board reviewed the notes:

- The Worker's Comp budget will be right on target as there are no payments in November & December.
- Chief Lemoine does not feel the performance bond for the pumper tanker is needed. The vehicle will not be paid for until it is received and inspected. The additional cost of having the performance bond is \$1,459.50. Byrne made a motion, with a second from Waldron, that the performance bond for the pumper tanker is not needed. All voted in favor.
- The Board OK'd the pickup of garbage and recycling from the Pilgrim United Church. They are a nonprofit and produce very little garbage and recycling.
- The Town needs to have a special town meeting before the end of the year in order to accept the ARRA funds for the Crawley Falls Bridge. The Board decided they would like to wait until they know more about the status of the easement deeds before setting a date. Bryan and/or Byrne will try to touch base with a couple of the abutters to inquire about their easement deeds.
- The Selectmen agreed to set the trick-or-treat date and time for 10/30/09 from 5-7p.m. The Board checked with Police Chief Robinson and he is ok with this date and time.
- The town clerk/tax collector revenues have been posted through August.
- The Town received a bill in the amount of \$511 from Comstar for the ambulance transporting Duane Demeritt to the hospital as a result of a work related injury. Byrne said this is a contractual charge and Duane's medical insurance covers it and it will not cost the Town anything. Bryan said Demeritt is a taxpayer in town and doesn't feel he should be charged. Waldron said he agrees with Bryan, it's a pretty exorbitant amount. Waldron questioned how some of the elderly and less fortunate in town can afford these types of charges. Byrne responded that they don't push it if the

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individual can't afford it. Artimovich said he has a problem with the fact that the fire department even submitted it to Comstar; it was for a work related injury to a highway employee and it never should have gone to billing. Bryan made a motion that the fire department pay for the bill, however they pay for it, on their own. Artimovich amended the motion to ask that the fire department withdraw it from their billing so it disappears. Bryan seconded the amended motion; all voted in favor.

- The tax collector is wondering if the Board would consider abating the interest charges for a resident who has been set-up with a payment plan by the Selectmen for the 2007 past due taxes. It is difficult for the resident to get the principal paid off with such a high interest rate. Bryan felt uncomfortable doing this as it would be setting a precedent. Artimovich made a motion to no longer accumulate interest on her 2007 past due amount and only collect what has been charged to date. Bryan seconded the motion; all in favor.
- Phyllis Thompson checked with the Secretary of State's office regarding the membership on the Municipal Records Committee as she did not agree with LGC's legal counsel. They indicated that while the Committee can not appoint another member, the Selectmen can appoint a designee. Stevens explained that she is on the Committee as their designee. Stevens tried calling the same woman from the Secretary of State's office but the call was not returned. Waldron explained that the courts read statutes very strictly and he feels the RSA is very clear that you can only have the people indicated on the list serve on the committee or it would say "or any other member as designated by the Board of Selectmen to be appropriate." The Board agreed to leave it as is.

Gil Tuck, Building Inspector, was in with the following permits which the Selectmen signed:

- Rick Camarata of 20 Peabody Drive to erect a storage shed.
- Constance Stumm to erect a sunroom on an existing deck at 4 Flanders Dr.
- Anthony & Kirsten Phillips of 276 South Road for a 18'x20'x24' addition. They will be adding one bedroom but discontinuing use of one so the bedroom count stays the same.

The Board discussed the recommended COLA figure of 1-1.7%. Waldron made a motion to go with the 1.7% COLA. Menter seconded the motion. Byrne and Artimovich recused themselves. Waldron and Menter voted in favor, Bryan was opposed. The motion carried to approve a 1.7% COLA.

The Board reviewed the proposed handbook changes. The Board agreed to leave all items on the list. Waldron mentioned that the question remains of whether or not to keep the personnel records in the Selectmen's office. Byrne said she has done some research and does agree that the Selectmen's office is the place for the personnel records, but the departments are allowed to have their set and she believes that is what we should do. The official set would be locked up in the Selectmen's office. The Board agreed that they would only be accessed by department heads and the Board of Selectmen. The

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Selectmen asked that Stevens put together policies and procedures for personnel records and have a log of who has accessed the file.

The Board signed the following documents:

- An appointment slip for Richard Murphy.
- An abatement form for Patricia Kady's timber tax.

At 7:20 p.m. Artimovich made a motion to adjourn. Motion was seconded by Menter; all voted in favor.

Respectfully submitted,

Julie Stevens